

REMARKS

In the Office action, the specification was objected to for inconsistent designation of the type of application; claim 45 was rejected for a misspelled word; claim 44 was rejected for lacking antecedent basis; claims 41-45 and 48-54 were rejected as anticipated by Myers; and claims 46, 49, 50 and 55 were rejected as unpatentable over a combination of references.

As to the objection of the case designation, Applicants on October 8, 2002 submitted a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment which changed the designation to a Continuation in Part. Possibly that amendment was not entered. A duplicate copy is enclosed (including a copy of the returned postcard confirming receipt by the PTO) and it is requested that the amendment be entered to overcome the noted objection.

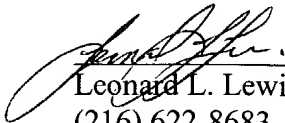
With the exception of claims 41-45, all other claims have been canceled thereby obviating further discussion of the rejections.

Claim 41 is amended to recite that the wear component can be assembled into the gun in at least two different positional orientations to expose other portions of the wear surface of the wear component to powder impact that are different portions from said first portions of the wear surface. Myers make no suggestion of such an arrangement. It is noted that the wear surface of Myers which is a charging surface is uniformly exposed to the material. There also is no suggestion in Myers that the components are reversible. The new claims recite additional features and aspects of the invention and are fully supported by the disclosure as filed. No new matter has been introduced into the claims.

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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